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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SURFACE-MODIFIED METAL OXIDES  
METHODS FOR PRODUCTION AND USE  
THEREOF IN COSMETIC PREPARATIONS

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Examiner: Barbara S. Frazier

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Enclosure** includes a printout of an Wikipedia.com entry relating to ZnO.